

45554



Office of the General Counsel

Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Road  
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-3500

(708)937-5201  
(708)938-6235 Fax #

RECEIVED  
OCT 13 1994  
EMERGENCY SUPPORT  
SECTION

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

October 11, 1994

Linda Beasley  
Enforcement Specialist  
USEPA- Region V  
Emergency Support Section HSE-5J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

RE: Conservation Chemical Company

Dear Ms. Beasley:

I am writing in response to your September 28, 1994, letter to Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott") from Mr. Richard Karl, Chief Emergency & Enforcement Response Branch of the USEPA, Region 5, concerning the above-referenced site. Abbott received this letter on October 6, 1994. At page 3 of the letter, you request notification within 10 days of receipt of this letter of Abbott's willingness to perform or finance the activities described in the letter. Abbott objects to your imposition of this 10 day notice period as it is not provided by statute and is arbitrary and unreasonable.

Subject to and without waiving this objection, Abbott hereby notifies you of its willingness to participate in discussions with USEPA and other recipients of this general notice letter regarding the nature and extent of the contamination at the site, clean up alternatives, and any alleged basis USEPA has for asserting that Abbott is a potentially responsible party. At this time, Abbott is not admitting any liability nor committing itself to perform or finance the work described in the letter.

For further contact, you should direct all communication to the following:

Laura J. Schumacher  
Senior Attorney  
Office of General Counsel  
Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Road  
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-3500

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura J. Schumacher'.  
Laura J. Schumacher

CC: S. Ziesmann D-539  
J. Nesci D-317  
J. Kosinski D-340